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# MAY 2013

## READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Many cultures celebrate May Day today by dancing around a maypole. Read about this tradition.	<b>2</b> Swap books with a friend.	<b>3</b> It's National Duckling Month! Read Hans Christian Andersen's " <i>The Ugly Duckling</i> ."	<b>4</b> Read for 20 minutes today.
	<b>5</b> Find a recipe for guacamole and make some today in honor of Cinco de Mayo.	<b>6</b> It's Teacher Appreciation Week. Make your teacher a card and give it to him or her.	<b>7</b> Pretend you are an author. Write a short biography of yourself for the back flap of your latest book.	<b>8</b> Read for 20 minutes today.	<b>9</b> Make a list of all the things you like about the month of May.	<b>10</b> It's Clean Up Your Room Day. Organize your books and put them away neatly.	<b>11</b> Find out more about the Methuselah tree in California. Why is it special?
	<b>12</b> It's Mother's Day. Write your mom a poem about how much you love her.	<b>13</b> "Triskaidekaphobia" is fear of the number 13. Learn more about one of your own fears.	<b>14</b> Are flowers blooming? Have leaves started to bud? Be a botanist. Observe and draw what you see.	<b>15</b> Author L. Frank Baum was born on this day in 1856. Read <i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> in his honor.	<b>16</b> Write an acrostic poem using the letters of your name.	<b>17</b> Read <i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> in honor of Grace Lin's birthday today.	<b>18</b> Mount St. Helens erupted on this day in 1980. Read more about this major volcanic event.
	<b>19</b> Listen to Chinese opera music — at your local library or online.	<b>20</b> Ask a family member to read you an article from the newspaper.	<b>21</b> Visit <a href="http://RIF.org/kids/readingplanet">RIF.org/kids/readingplanet</a> and search for fun reading activities.	<b>22</b> Write a song about your school.	<b>23</b> Happy Birthday, Scott O'Dell! Read his Newbery-winning book, <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> .	<b>24</b> Learn how to play cricket. Try playing the game with friends from your neighborhood.	<b>25</b> Look up the word "malodorous." See how many times you can use it in a sentence today.
	<b>26</b> Go on a nature walk. Take your journal with you and make notes about cool things you see.	<b>27</b> Today is Memorial Day. Write a thank-you note to a veteran for protecting our country.	<b>28</b> Make a list of all the books you'd like to read this summer.	<b>29</b> Find out if your local library has a summer reading club or program.	<b>30</b> Find a recipe for your friend's favorite food and make it for him or her.	<b>31</b> How many books did you read this month? Make a list of your favorites and share it with a friend.	

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